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Comments: Since it appears that the study for HJR 153 is not in draft form for comment, I assume the request for comments for what to look at in the study. I recommend that a cost-effectiveness study be conducted that includes all the obvious direct costs of undergrounding vs. overhead as well as the indirect and social costs such as: costs to residents and businesses for outages and power quality fluctuations; aesthetic devaluation of property values due to utility wire clutter; impact on wildlife such as electrocution and loss of tree habitat due to tree-trimming activities; and value of life and property lost due to traffic accidents, i.e., cars and trucks hitting utility poles.

As far as the study of who should bear costs, the study should not look into sub-populations of customers paying for undergrounding unless a comprehensive study of all utility costs (e.g., meter reading, utility truck fuel costs, etc) due to differences in patterns of developments and housing density is done.